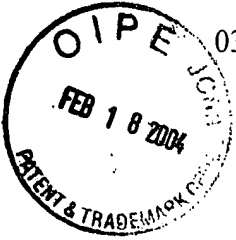


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: Group Art Unit: 2614
Application No.: 09/579,532)
: Filed: May 26, 2000)
: For: DATA COMMUNICATION)
: SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND)
: CONTROL METHOD)
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003 for two months from December 11, 2003 to February 11, 2004.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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